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MEMBERS VOTE TO COMMEMORATE BUST OF CHRIST

By unanimous vote of an 11 to 1 ratio, the members have voiced their approval in selecting the Bust of Christ for our second special issue. The undertaking of a gold medal-pendant was passed by a more than 2 to 1 ratio of the ballots received. The last proposal which provides for a yearly optional medal was well accepted by a more than 11 to 1 ratio.

Descriptive order forms with prices will be sent to all members by separate mail. No member is obligated in any way to purchase any of these optional medals. The Bust of Christ will be issued outside the regular CCMS series and will in no way interfere with the current bi-monthly schedule. On the other hand, we highly recommend the purchase of the silver specimen as it will complement the entire Life of Christ Series and immeasurably add to its over-all value.

The gifted sculptor Evangelos Frudakis, creator of our Life of Christ Series, has been commissioned to sculpt this important medal. This will be the first Bust of Christ in full proof silver done

in America and probably the first anywhere in the world.

NEW BALLOTS

For the first time, a commemorative society will directly involve its members in choosing an appropriate legend or title for the forthcoming Bust of Christ Medal. Members may vote for one of the suggested legends or write in one of their own.

With the next medal mailing, a nomination form will be sent to all members preparatory to the next balloting in August. Members will then vote on the theme for the next CCMS series following the Life of Christ Series which ends February, 1970.

RETROSPECT

As the curtain comes down on the second year of our Society, new and colorful scenes herald our coming third year. But, before looking to our future, our

memories go back three years when seven gentlemen gathered around a table to discuss the forming of our present Society. Mr. James W. Ament, who successfully founded the International Fraternal Commemorative Society (IFCS), presented us with his dream and today that dream has become a reality!

As we struggled along each step of the way, we knew that each step was upon ground never tread before. Immediately, we realized that being the *first* Catholic commemorative medal society, nearly everything we did or will do, becomes a new page in the book of medallic history. With this great responsibility entrusted to us, we advanced to meet the challenge.

Inspired as we were, the problems we encountered sometimes seemed insurmountable. The countless meetings, the thousands of miles of travel, letters to the Vatican, consultations with Church authorities, the raising of private funds, miles of legal red tape, endless hours of library research, and we could go on and on . . .

Together, we hoped the works of art we helped create would give religious inspiration to those who viewed them and serve as a means of glorifying God.

In searching along the way toward new horizons, we set the stage for many wonderful presentations. We hopefully envision the Twelve Apostles will be

chosen by the membership for our next theme. This would be chronologically correct and most appropriate in following the Life of Christ.

The rich heritage of Catholicism promises no end to the worthwhile subjects and events that that can be enshrined in medallic form and born of the sculptor's hand.

In the final analysis, on this second anniversary, the officers and CCMS Board of Directors wish to thank each and every member for their continuing patronage. For it was with *their* group loyalty that made The Catholic Commemorative Medal Society *their* success!

ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE

In a recent NEWSLETTER members were told that any defective octagonal holders would be replaced at no charge. Also, some members wished to replace all their old holders with the new improved two piece holders. These can be purchased from our office at the following prices: 1-3 @ 30¢ each or 4 or more @ 25¢ each, all postpaid.

Also available are the beautiful plush presentation cases that originally housed the Cardinal Spellman special issue. Each case has a single octagonal cavity that any CCMS medal will fit and a place for the standard etched identification plate. It is suggested that every member have at least one of these so

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BUST OF CHRIST

If I do not buy the two medals of silver reserved for me, will they be sold to nonmembers?

Mary Joann Root (0671)
Allegan, Michigan

• *Our commitment on special issues is to strike only two silver specimens per membership. It is hoped that all the silver will be purchased by members thereby leaving none for sale to nonmembers.*

There are numerous reasons for the two per member idea. First of all, many of our members are serious medallists. In displaying their medals, they prefer to show the obverse and reverse at the same time, which of course requires owning two medals. Secondly, many members want two medals with the idea of selling the second medal which can often realize more than enough to pay for both. This is a common practice enjoyed by U.S. Proof Set collectors. In the last two years, medals have shown a steady growth in

value and may someday compete in value with some of the rarest of American coins. Lastly, many of us wish to share our art treasures and a second medal makes a beautiful gift for a friend or a loved one.

Some may say that offering uncalled for special options to nonmembers is not a good policy. But we must weigh one against another in which we must sacrifice a little of our exclusiveness. In doing so, it has been our basic concept that through the use of a yearly special, a significant amount of public awareness is gained.

Exclusiveness is vital to our CCMS collection, but exclusiveness without recognition means nothing.

I fully support your entire program. I think all members would want the choice of either silver, bronze or gold, not only on the Christ medal, but all special issues.

Roland C. Roy (1096)
Orlando, Florida

In reference to Proposal A, I would greatly cherish such a commemorative as proposed. I only hope that the artist presents a virile and masculine portrait of Christ. I have long been disappointed with the typical "Sunday School" portrait of a rather effeminate, certainly not strong looking, Christ.

As for Proposal C, I certainly would give CCMS permission to issue one special issue per year. I would hope that it would be to commemorate a truly significant and spiritually important anniversary or person; and that it would not be more than one per year. Members do have financial limitations, and although we might want more, we would find it difficult to pay for more!

Rev. Everett I. Campbell (1736)
Pittsburgh, Penna.

• *The CCMS Board of Directors agree with your wanting a masculine looking Christ and will convey these ideas to our sculptor. The Board also had only one special per year in mind, with due respect to those with financial limitations.*

I believe that all special medals should have appeal outside the CCMS membership. The Cardinal Spellman medal was such a medal. In the proposed medal, no one can argue against the Bust of Christ, I suppose, but the Society seal on the reverse is practically a commercial.

Michael Landis (1144)
New York, New York

• *An element of commercialism does permeate all strata of human endeavor. But if the showing off of a Masonic or Knights of Columbus pin or ring is commercial — then, we too are guilty of being commercial when proudly displaying our own emblem of affiliation.*

REBUTTAL

I honestly feel that there are too many people today that go overboard with everything they enter into. They must rush, exploit, change, and sometimes destroy that which was so wonderful to start with.

Now they want more per year, special medals, optionals and others. Let's keep the series of six. If the person or event is so important, include them in a series. Let's keep the reins tight and steer clear of hidden pitfalls.

Matthew H. Tomesal (0164)
Cincinnati, Ohio

• *Mr. Tomesal has a valid viewpoint which is typical of the conservative collector. Even though this group is in the minority, we must respect their opinion and try to compromise them with the progressive collector. The CCMS Board of Directors will attempt to follow a middle of the road course, which will be to the best interests of the entire Society. It is hard to please everybody, but we do try. We always hope that we acted in the spirit of cooperative diplomacy.*



MEDAL No. 7 THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts the Feeding of the Multitude on the obverse and the Ministry of Christ on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelist Mark.

Feeding the Multitude

In those days when again there was a great crowd, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples together and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, for behold, they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away to their homes fasting, they will faint on the way, for some of them have come from a distance." And his disciples answered him, "How will anyone be able to satisfy these with bread, here in a desert?" He asked them, "How many loaves have you?" And they said, "Seven."

And he bade the crowd recline

on the ground. Then taking the seven loaves, he gave thanks, broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few little fishes; and he blessed them, and ordered them to be distributed. And they ate and were satisfied; and they took up what was left of the fragments, seven baskets. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And he dismissed them.

MARK 8:1-9

Ministry of Christ

Now in their synagogue there was a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, saying, "What

have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? Hast thou come to destroy us? I know who thou art, the Holy One of God." And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Hold thy peace, and go out of the man." And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, went out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they inquired among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And rumor concerning him went forth immediately into all the region round about Galilee.

And as soon as they came out of the synagogue, they, with James and John, came to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law was keeping her bed sick with fever, and they immediately told him about her. And drawing near, he took her by the hand and raised her up; and the fever left her at once, and she began to wait on them.

Now when it was evening, and the sun had set, they brought to him all who were ill and who were possessed. And the whole town had gathered together at the door. And he cured many who were afflicted with various diseases, and cast out many devils; and he did not permit them to speak, because they knew him.

And rising up long before day-break, he went out and departed into a desert place, and there he

prayed. And Simon and those who were with him, followed him. And they found him and said to him, "They are all seeking thee."

And a leper came to him, entreating him; and kneeling down he said, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." And Jesus, having compassion on him, stretched forth his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be thou made clean." And when he had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. Then he strictly charged him, and immediately drove him away. And he said to him, "See thou tell no one; but go, show thyself to the high priest, and offer for thy purification the things that Moses commanded, for a witness to them." But he went out, and began to publish and to spread abroad the fact, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but remained outside in desert places. And they kept coming to him from every direction.

MARK 1:23-45

ACCESSORIES *(cont. from page 2)*

that the latest medal can be effectively displayed. In this way, the enhanced medal can be taken to the office or factory and proudly shown to your friends. Most of us will agree that half the fun of collecting is in the showing. These also can be ordered from our office postpaid for \$2.50 each or 6 for \$12.00.



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PRINCE OF PEACE WINS LARGE MAJORITY

The CCMS becomes the first commemorative society to directly involve its members in voting for an appropriate legend or title with the forthcoming Bust of Christ Medal. All members will be notified by mail when this optional medal is to be issued sometime this fall.

The results of this special poll were:

I am the Light.....	115
King of Kings	180
Lamb of God.....	101
Light of the World.....	121
Prince of Peace.....	337
Write in votes	30

The above reflects only the ballots received within the stated 15 day voting period. Unfortunately many ballots could not be counted, since they did not reach our offices within the prescribed period. For example, the current enclosed nomination form should be returned within 30 days to be counted. The stated voting deadline can be determined by adding the total days allowed to the date of invoice. Last date of acceptance will depend upon postmark,

and not arrival date. All ballots are retained for at least one year and are available for inspection by any member wishing to do so.

REMAINDER OF SPELLMAN MEDALS RELEASED FOR SALE

The CCMS Board of Directors has decided to release for sale to its members only, the few remaining sterling issues of the Cardinal Spellman Memorial Medal. To promote a fair and equitable method of distribution among its members, the CCMS up to now, had given every member an option to buy up to two sterling specimens. Thus, the mintage limit was established at 3,796 pieces. As promised, the sterling were never advertised to the general public. Only the nickle pieces were advertised for sale. To further protect the exclusiveness of our members, \$5.50 was charged to non mem-

bers for the nickel issue whereas members initially paid only \$2.00 each.

Extraordinary as it may seem, no sterling Spellmans to date have ever been publicly offered for sale in any of the numismatic publications. This would indicate that CCMS members are generally not willing to sell their Spellmans. The few confirmed sales reported to us show that individual sterling Cardinal Spellman medals are in the \$30 to \$40.00 resale range.

The CCMS Board of Directors at this time would like to thank all those who voted for and support the once-a-year option program. Without it, along with continuing increases in labor, material, and postage, our Society would inevitably be forced to dissolve. This added income, while not completely adequate, is helping to meet continuing increases in operating costs.

When our Society was being formed in the beginning, costs and resale prices per medal were calculated prior to our national advertising campaign. The original \$6.90 was considered a sufficient charge provided we attained the 3,000 to 5,000 members that market analysts programmed for us. Due to a minimum of capital necessary for nationwide advertising, we fell

far short of our goal. Out of the five leading Catholic publications, we were only financially able to advertise in two of them along with a limited exposure in the two leading numismatic papers. To illustrate: A two page spread in the weekly Catholic paper, *Our Sunday Visitor*, cost us the tidy sum of \$5,420.00 for one insertion plus this same amount for one follow up placement. A half page ad in the *New York Times Sunday Edition* cost us \$2,500.00 and this for one day! Without the necessary volume of members we had anticipated, it has been somewhat difficult in the way of finances. It should be noted here that the current silver surcharge only takes care of the higher cost of silver and not the growing costs of operation. A new commemorative medal society, recently formed, has found it necessary to charge its members a total of \$9.50 per issue. Their medal being the same weight and fineness as ours is a good indication of the rise in costs in only two years since the CCMS was founded.

In conclusion, the CCMS directors would like to stress again that extra medals apply only to the optional medal issued once a year. The regular Society issues will *never* be struck in duplicate nor in any metal other than silver of .925 fineness. The regular issues of the Society *shall not exceed six* medals per year as pledged in our original charter.



Improper Head to Head Alignment



Correct Head to Head Alignment

DEFECTIVE MEDALS DISCOVERED

It has recently come to light that the Life of Christ Medal No. 5 of the Sermon on the Mount in part of the production run has been mis-struck. The error was in what is known in the minting profession as a head to head alignment in respect to the top

and bottom die. Since both sides of the medal are struck at the same time, correct orientation is necessary. In other words, when you view the obverse of Christ on the Mount, His head is at the 12 o'clock position. Now as we turn the medal over in the fashion of turning a page in a

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IN CONTRAST

I think the selection of the legends for the special issue of the Bust of Christ is very poor. The selection for legends should have been solicited first and then you could have presented the best five or six for a vote.

Steven Souris (0301)
Phoenix, Arizona

We had a hard time picking a legend for the Bust of Christ medal. All seemed so appropriate.

Lawrence Rumble (0429)
New Preston, Conn.

• Of the 30 write-in votes that were received, only one was seconded and that was "Son of God" which could have been included. Of the some fifty priests who are CCMS members, not one objected to the selections offered. Our own Clerical Board of Advisors can take comfort of this fact.

ENCOURAGEMENT

May I add my congratulations for your truly artistic reproductions of the Popes and the Life of Christ. May Our Lord Inspire

you and prosper your work and future endeavors.

Rev. Adrien W. Houle (1335)
Boston, Mass.

I am so pleased you are to issue the Special Issue of the Bust of Christ. What a cherished piece that will be. As we are able to receive two medals, my dear friend shall be given one. Where could you find a more beautiful, meaningful, or profound gift of love? . . . A most grateful member.

Mrs. Lester C. Huerd (0250)
Minneapolis, Minn.

SILVER SURCHARGE QUESTIONED

We noted in the March 8, 1969 issue of Business Week that now adequate silversupplies are pushing the price of silver down. How do you justify the surcharge?

F. J. Henneberger (1013)
Princeton, Indiana

• CCMS entered into an agreement for the purchase of enough silver to carry us through the Life of Christ, so costs could be stabilized regardless of market conditions.



MEDAL No. 8 THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts the Cleansing of the Temple on the obverse and Christ Walking on the Water on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelists Luke and Matthew.

Cleansing of the Temple

And he entered the temple, and began to cast out those who were selling and buying in it, saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves."

And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the Scribes and the leading men of the people sought to destroy him; but they found nothing that they could do to him, for all the people hung

upon his words. LUKE 19:45-48

Jesus Walks on the Water

And immediately afterwards he made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. And it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walk-

ing upon the sea. And they, seeing him walking upon the sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid."

But Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is thou, bid me come to thee over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But seeing the wind was strong, he was afraid; and as he began to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched forth his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But they who were in the boat came and worshipped him saying, "Truly thou art the Son of God."

MATTHEW 14:22-33

DEFECTIVE MEDALS

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book, the head of Christ should be at the same vertical or 90 position. On page 3 you will see illustrated the proper and the improper alignment of the obverse and reverse dies.

In our recent trip to The Franklin Mint, we were told that evidently during the production run, often the dies are removed for cleaning or polishing. In replacing the dies, the alignment

was inadvertently not checked for accuracy.

The misaligned medals reported thus far range in serial numbering from around 0815 to about 1622.

Since the progressive or the consecutive striking of our medals is not stringently held to in the relation to the final mint operation which is the serial numbering operation, there are probably many exceptions. So we advise anyone who has this error to return it to our office here in Youngstown by insured mail by July 31st. We must have all those that are defective in one lot so that the mint can handle the entire operation in just one working day.

As there are those who may feel they have a rarity in this particular medal, we have no objections to those who wish to keep them, nor can the CCMS issue a duplicate unless an exchange is made. Medals returned will be melted down at the mint.

MEDAL MIX UPS

Lately, we have had several instances where members have received a medal with a serial number not of their own. As one can have no legal claim to this medal, it should be returned to our office by insured mail for replacement. We strongly urge all members check all their medals issued to date to make certain all the serial numbers are correct, and especially the last 7 issues.



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CCMS FUND FOR REFUND OF SETS ESTABLISHED

The CCMS Board of Directors have now established a reserve fund for the sole purpose of making refunds possible to members who find they must give up their membership and medals.

The refinement and renovation of the membership rolls are only a natural order of progression any society must respond to. We of the CCMS have heartfelt feelings for those who must relinquish their membership and it is our endeavor to recompense those loyal charter members with an offering of a refund for all their medals purchased to the date of resignation. Since financial reasons are most often given for resignation, we feel the use of a prompt refund would benefit the individual in time of need.

Ownership of a CCMS set already recognized as a sound investment can now be looked upon as "money in the bank" and a source of funds in time of urgency. We do realize that a member can advertise his set and often bring far more than

the original investment, but oddly enough, we have found most members are not interested in a profit and are aptly satisfied with just the return of their original money invested. Sets purchased by the Society are transferred without premium to the next applicant at the top of the CCMS Waiting List which now approaches 2,000 names.

The Society recognizes the fact that the strength and vitality of any commemorative medal society lies in the continued support of the largest number of its charter members or new members with complete CCMS sets.

Any member or past member who is contemplating a return of their medals for a refund, are required to *first* write a letter of application to our secretary-treasurer, Theodore A. Parent.

This should be done well in advance, since our reserve fund has been created to accommodate only a nominal number of sets per month, and there may be the need of a short-term waiting list for refunds. Members in the process of selling or returning medals should keep payments up to date, since the loss of future rights would seriously depreciate the value of a CCMS collection.

BALLOTS FOR NEXT THEME ENCLOSED

Nominations having been collected and tabulated now make possible the present voting. The membership must now decide on the enclosed ballot on which of the themes is most appropriate in following the current Life of Christ Series which concludes February, 1970.

The CCMS Board of Directors and the CCMS Staff of Clerical Advisors heartily recommend serious consideration be given to The Twelve Apostles. A majority vote for The Twelve Apostles would be the logical step chronologically and a natural sequence to follow The Life of Christ Series.

ANNOUNCING NEW SOCIETY POLICY

The CCMS has always had a vigorous policy in searching for missing medals for new members in completing broken Ecu-menical Pope Series or incom-

plete Life of Christ Series. It is always sad and unfortunate when a new member accepts a discontinued membership and for example, lacks The Nativity Medal in The Life of Christ. Often, the former member has moved and left no forwarding address or refuses to return the first medal or medals in the new series. This is an unhappy and unfortunate situation. The Society has no serious objections to dropping out at the completion of a series and then refusing to sell, but to break up the next series is very unfair. Therefore, the CCMS Board of Directors ask each member to please consider this a moral and fraternal obligation to not begin a succeeding series of medals, unless they intend to complete that series. Otherwise, we will expect the return of the medals necessary for the completion of the next series for the new member.

Failure to comply with this resolution will construe such medals to not be legitimately owned and registered on the books and records of the Society. In addition, any membership under protest will not be recognized by the CCMS in matters of sales or transfers. Full accordance will be granted only when due consideration is given to a fair and just settlement for all interested parties.



IN THE MAILBAG

LETTERS TO CCMS DIRECTORS

Congratulations on your initiatives and ideas. I hope the majority of the members vote for your recommendations. I and my wife have never been more pleased with the leadership of the Society. The captain and his crew of our Society man a fine and worthy ship who are dedicated to the history of religion, perfection, and beauty. As long as this formula of maintenance and dedication is upheld, our CCMS will shine. Our reward! . . . A collection of religious history and art that I am sure every member cherishes.

To all . . . Our Blessings,

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Warren
(1703) of New Jersey

• This marks the first MAILBAG whereas the member's town or city henceforth will not be included. Should our NEWSLETTERS fall into undesirable hands, we feel the chances of residents

location would be almost impossible. This will insure the sanctity of one's home and possessions in view of the troubled times we live in.

It is my sincere desire to congratulate the officers and the CCMS staff for the splendid work they are rendering to all members of this fine organization. It is certainly a pleasure to be a member of this fine group and I am wishing you continued success.

Louis Tuza
(1500) of Penna.

Up to the present, the medals have been wonderful, magnificent, and instructive. Just keep up the good work and the collectors will have the finest of all the commemoratives.

Dr. Prosper Boudart
(0173) of Florida

May the Lord Bless you for the work you've been putting in for our benefit.

Frank Malinowski
(0372) of New York

MIS-STRUCK MEDAL

I am one of the fortunate who received a misaligned Life of Christ Medal No. 5 and recognizing its rarity much prefer to hold on to it rather than request a replacement. I am a member of the Numismatic Error Club of America and this brings me particular joy. I consider it a treasure!

Will you kindly advise me whether it is possible for me to purchase a chest or album to house The Life of Christ Series?

Mrs. Triestine Cutrona
(1103) of New York

• *Yes, we have a small stock of collector's chests available for sale. All chests are the same in construction and appearance for any series with only the identifying numbered brass nameplates being different. In respect to the album to be ready in April, 1970, we are experimenting with several designs and we can assure the membership that it will be the finest album ever offered in the field. More will be told in a future NEWSLETTER.*

After the album is issued, we will continue to stock the present collector's chest for those who prefer them. We have plans, tentatively, to also stock a 12 cavity ultra compact and plush case similar in construction to the Cardinal Spellman presentation case. It will be streamlined, without bothersome locks and

keys and fit easily in a medium sized safety deposit box. Its cost will be lower than the present collector's chest.

MORE AWARDS

My CCMS medals were displayed at the recent Monroe, Ohio Coin Show and I received my first trophy ever. I wish to congratulate you and all the people concerned on the beauty of these medals and the fine work you are doing.

James Gunning
(0847) of Ohio

NEW MEMBER

Words cannot express how deeply satisfied and proud I feel to become a member of CCMS. Being a totally disabled Veteran and home confined, I wish I could express how much pleasure it gives me to look and study this wonderful medal collection. I am most proud and can hardly wait for each forthcoming issue.

Joseph Strojny
(0596) of Illinois

ONE MORE ROSE

I have the deepest respect and admiration for the founders of the CCMS for their undoubted hard work and devotion, which has resulted in their bringing to us the complete enjoyment of this superlative collection.

Elwood Shaw
(0756) of Penna.



MEDAL No. 9 THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts the Raising of Lazarus on the obverse and the origin of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelists Luke and Matthew.

Raising of Lazarus

"There was a certain rich man who used to clothe himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted every day in splendid fashion. And there was a certain poor man, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. And it came to pass that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom; but the rich man also died and was buried in hell. And lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out

and said, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.'

"But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime hast received good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now here he is comforted whereas thou art tormented. And besides all that, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that they who wish to pass over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.'

"And he said, 'Then, father, I beseech thee to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify

to them, lest they too come into this place of torments.' And Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hearken to them.' But he answered, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hearken to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.'" LUKE 16: 19-31

The Last Supper

But Jesus, perceiving it, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has done me a good turn. For the poor you have always with you, but you do not always have me. For in pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it for my burial. Amen I say to you, wherever in the whole world this gospel is preached, this also that she has done shall be told in memory of her."

Then one of the Twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said to them, "What are you willing to give me for delivering him to you?" But they assigned him thirty pieces of silver. And from then on he sought out an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of the Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Where dost thou want us to prepare for thee to eat the passover?" But Jesus said, "Go into the city to

a certain man, and say to him, 'The Master says, My time is near at hand; at thy house I am keeping the Passover with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus bade them, and prepared the passover.

Now when evening arrived, he reclined at the table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen I say to you, one of you will betray me." And being very much saddened they began each to say, "Is it I, Lord?" But he answered and said, "He who dips his hand into the dish with me, he will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes his way, as it is written of him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It were better for that man if he had not been born." And Judas who betrayed him answered and said, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "Thou hast said it."

And while they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take and eat; this is my body." And taking a cup, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "All of you drink of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new with you in the kingdom of my Father." MATTHEW 26: 10-29



NEWSLETTER

Central Commemorative Medal Society, Conroy Building, 2521 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

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PRINCE OF PEACE MEDAL SOON AVAILABLE

This year's special optional issue is nearing completion and ORDER FORMS are enclosed. Now that the membership has

named their own medal The Prince of Peace by majority vote, we will no longer refer to it as "the bust of Christ." Henceforth, the medal will be known as The Prince of Peace Medal or SS-2 which translates as Special Series Number Two.

Members are urged to place their orders at once so that this issue may be delivered in time for Christmas. Due to the enormous work load at The Franklin Mint, the soonest delivery cannot be expected earlier than just before Christmas. Those members who are counting on Christmas delivery for gifts should mark their ORDER FORM requesting our special attention. It would also be recommended that an additional 80¢ postage for registered mail be added to your remittance to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas presentations. We will unfortunately be mailing during the height of the Christ-

mas mail rush and most claims for lost parcels do occur during this period each year.

The CCMS Board of Directors and we are sure many of our members immediately grasped the significance of The Prince of Peace Medal. Here we have a unique opportunity for our Society to award Prince of Peace Medals to those most outstanding persons around the world who so nobly worked for peace. Awards could be limited to say ten or twenty individuals and chosen by the members of the CCMS. Members having suggestions for such a prospective program and names of persons they feel deserving of nomination, should write the CCMS Board of Directors.

THE TWELVE APOSTLES VOTED NEXT SERIES THEME

With the widely acclaimed and beautiful Life of Christ Series

coming to a close in February, 1970, we eagerly look forward to the unveiling of the first medals of the apostolic series. The Twelve Apostles received 54% of the votes received while the next highest vote getter got only 16% of the vote total. Each of the twelve medals will be created by a different name sculptor with a different obverse and reverse. CCMS is now seeking the talents of some of the world's greatest sculptors. Among these are Albino Manca, Edward R. Grove, Robert A. Weinman, Paul Vincze and Gilroy Roberts. There can be little doubt that one of the twelve sculptors will be a return engagement of our immensely popular sculptor of Christ, Evangelos Frudakis. Never in the history of medallic art has such an ambitious and magnificent collection of fine art medals been attempted as in our Life of Christ Series. And it goes without saying that never was such a momentous project ever offered one sculptor who may have reached his pinnacle of artistic achievement in the field of medallic sculpture.

This panorama of twenty-four scenic moments in twelve medals of Christ has only been possible through the collective efforts of a group such as the CCMS. By virtue of advance subscription, great costs of production were spread out over a period of three years and hundreds of people took part

in its production. The costs alone for the dies, sculptor, and silver will surpass \$120,000. One other item which is postage, that may be a nickel and dime expenditure to most of us, will be nearly \$5,000 at the completion of the series.

One can only wonder how in the years to come, many of these twelve pieces of silver will become cherished family heirlooms. Some undoubtedly will find their way into museums, churches, and seminaries. Some, as part of estates will show up at world famous art auction houses such as Park-Bernet of New York and Sotheby's of London. True, some will be lost and stolen, but like ancient coins of 2,500 years ago, they somehow survive the ages. Of all the things we own today, what will be left a couple of hundred years from now? Clothing, furniture, housing ultimately do disappear, but somehow the coins and medals resist the ravages of time and attest to the former life that was.

ALBUMS AND NEW CASES ON WAY

We can at this time give our members a progress report on the new ideas for storing and displaying our medals. The new twelve cavity plush presentation case design is now ready for production scheduling. This plush presentation case is ultra compact and very similar to the Spellman Presentation Case in

construction and material, but it will house twelve medals. The cost will be less than the present six cavity collector's chest. A member now need order only one case every two years and at a savings of 50% over the old chest which will eventually be phased out. We will still stock them however, for those who prefer them.

An innovation many members will admire about the all new presentation case is that the inside of the top lid opens very conveniently to accommodate two volumes of NEWSLETTERS for storage within the case and out of sight when the case is open for viewing. Of interest also, will be that the cases are so compact that four will fit easily inside a medium sized safety deposit box.

The design for the album is still incomplete at this time, but a design is being finalized that will incorporate a bookshelf type slipcase with rugged polyethylene pages of six medals per page and whereby each medal mounts in the page cavity with its plastic octagonal holder intact. Here we will have a perfect seal with no chance of air seeping in as in cardboard type albums. The need to remove and handle the fragile proof from its plastic holder for insertion in cardboard albums will not be necessary with our new way of mounting.

Great versatility will allow the collector to choose his own arrangements as the pages will be loose leaf and each will be attractive enough to act as an individual holder by itself. We plan to have the slipcase hold up to eight pages with six medals per page.

Members will have the choice of either the new presentation case or album when ORDER FORMS will be included with the coming February medal mailing.

QUESTION AND ANSWER CORNER

This is to introduce a new feature which will appear regularly in our NEWSLETTER when space permits. Answers to frequently asked questions will be of interest to all our members who desire to be well informed in the arena of the coin-medal collector's world.

- Q. What are the present plans for issuing the gold pendant of The Prince of Peace Medal?
- A. The costs for issuing all three medals at one time were prohibitive, so now with the silver being issued, the bronze and gold will be offered periodically over the coming year.
- Q. Who founded the CCMS?
- A. James W. Ament in 1966, who is now retired and resides here in Youngstown with his wife Susan.



IN THE MAILBAG

COMMENT

I am happy to have chosen the Prince of Peace legend. It signifies the theme and need of our times . . . Peace.

Since you have a growing cost of operation, I suggest a small increase of 45¢ or \$8.00 per medal if that is sufficient.

We all know that prices have risen considerably since the CCMS began and we members must pledge our support to our officers and maintain a solid financial basis for our Society.

John J. Gross
(1547) of New Jersey

• *The officers and directors are indeed grateful to the many letters suggesting a remedial price increase. However, we believe that with the approval of the membership in voting for the once a year SPECIAL SERIES, the CCMS can operate on the present price structure providing enough members support and purchase the options.*

REDEEMED

I am sorry, but there has been some misunderstanding on my part . . . I have been ill thus missing out on work and not able to make my payments. I thought that if I missed one payment, I lost my membership.

I am delighted to hear from you today that I may redeem myself and continue with my collection. You will never know how badly I felt when I was finally able to pay, but did not send a check because I thought my membership was lost. Thank you so much.

Name withheld
(0607) of Colorado

• *Communications may have broken down in this case, but the CCMS directors want every member to know that we are perfectly willing to wait for as long as necessary for any member who finds himself in distress. We have waited a year for Vietnam veterans and many months for people sick or out of work.*



MEDAL No. 10

THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts Christ's Agony in the Garden on the obverse and the Way of the Cross on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelists Matthew and Luke.

The Agony in the Garden

Then Jesus came with them to a country place called Gethsemani, and he said to his disciples, "Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray." And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be saddened and exceedingly troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is sad, even unto death. Wait here and watch with me." And going forward a little, he fell prostrate and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me; yet not as I will, but as thou wilt."

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "Could you not, then, watch one hour with me? Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again a second time he went away and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, thy will be done." And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And leaving them he went back again, and prayed a third time, saying the same words over. Then he came

to his disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest! Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. Behold, he who betrays me is at hand." MATTHEW 26:36-46

Prelude to The Way of the Cross

And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You have brought before me this man, as one who perverts the people; and behold, I upon examining him in your presence have found no guilt in this man as touching those things of which you accuse him. Neither has Herod: for I sent you back to him, and behold, nothing deserving of death has been committed by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him."

Now at festival time it was necessary for him to release to them one prisoner. But the whole mob cried out together, saying, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas!" — one who had been thrown into prison for a certain riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder. But Pilate spoke to them again, wishing to release Jesus. But they kept shouting, saying, "Crucify him! Crucify Him!" And he said to them a third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I find

no crime deserving of death in him. I will therefore chastise him and release him."

But they persisted with loud cries, demanding that he should be crucified; and their cries prevailed. And Pilate pronounced sentence that what they asked for should be done. So he released to them him who for murder and riot had been put in prison, for whom they were asking; but Jesus he delivered to their will. LUKE 23:13-25

The Way of the Cross

And as they led him away, they laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and upon him they laid the cross to bear it after Jesus. Now there was following him a great crowd of the people, and of women, who were bewailing and lamenting him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, days are coming in which men will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if in the case of green wood they do these things, what is to happen in the case of the dry?" Now there were also two other malefactors led to execution with him. LUKE 23:26-32



NEWSLETTER

Catholic Commemorative Medal Society - Conroy Building, 2521 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED CCMS BY CATHOLIC ART GUILD



Pictured above is the most famous medal of all times. The Miraculous Medal, which is the first in a series of twelve sterling silver proofs titled *The Twelve Greatest Medals of Christendom*. For the first time ever, a proof set of the great Catholic holy medals inspired and handed down by the faith of our fathers will be created by our colleagues of the Catholic Art Guild.

Here is indeed a proof set that every religiously inspired parent will desire for themselves and for their children.

Parents who feel dutibound to educate and enrich the spiritual lives of their children will rejoice at the opportunity to not only

fulfill this obligation, but this inspiring collection will soon become a priceless family heirloom and a lasting memento to the giver in the generations to come.

Special arrangements have been made with the Guild so that CCMS members have *first opportunity* to purchase a Charter Guild Subscription to this series, whereby, the registered serial number of both organizations will be one and the same!

This will be a tremendous asset to the numismatic value of both

collections. And *only* CCMS members can have this privilege of matching serial numbers. Naturally, only one society can be given this unique opportunity and that special privilege has been awarded *exclusively* to CCMS members.

The Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been artistically created in a fresh new version by none other than Gilroy Roberts, sculptor of our St. Peter and Cardinal Spellman Memorial Medals.

The beautiful and heartwarming story of this spectacular medal could fill many pages here, but briefly we will relate its beginnings:

In France in the year 1830, the design for this Medal is said to have been revealed by the Virgin Mary to St. Catherine Labouré, a Sister of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The number of Medals minted since 1832, the first year of production, is beyond all counting, but could be easily in the hundreds of millions. Nearly all of these Medals were inexpensively produced and often cast rather than struck as a true medal is.

Due to the flood of miracles attributed to the owners of this Medal since 1832 and continuing to this day, this is probably the only Medal worn by Protestants, Jews, and Catholics.

There are some who say that with the advent of the Miraculous Medal, the year 1830 marks the beginning of the Apocalypse or the Marian Age which is said

to be rapidly coming to an end in the time period we now live in. It is believed the Miraculous Medal was divinely intended to save souls and protect Christians from the suffering which would come during the Apocalypse or Last Days.

The other glorious medals of this outstanding bi-monthly series are:

2. The Scapular Medal
3. The St. Joseph Medal
4. The St. Christopher Medal
5. The SS. Peter and Paul Medal
6. The St. Jude Medal
7. The St. Patrick Medal
8. The St. Francis of Assisi Medal
9. The St. Anthony of Padua Medal
10. The Infant of Prague Medal

The subscribers of this series will be offered the marvelous opportunity to participate by way of mail ballot in the choosing of the final two subjects. Here, the layman can express his desires and be involved in helping create what may be the most coveted religious medal set of our times — a venerable medallic rosary!

Another innovation is that the Guild has commissioned a gifted Franciscan priest to sculpt the founder of his very own order in that of Saint Francis of Assisi. For the Infant of Prague, for those who know its long and miraculous history, the Guild will have a Carmelite nun sculpt this medal.

So here we will have ten medals by famous sculptors and two by devoted servants of the faith. What a wonderful way of accenting and complementing an already great series!

The Catholic Art Guild founded in December 1967, in no way will conflict with the subject matter of the ecumenical theme of the CCMS. The Guild will generally stay along strictly holy and strictly Catholic lines. *The Stations of the Cross Series* will be offered by the Guild later this year. This is a good example of a strictly Catholic theme. The CCMS membership is only about half Roman Catholic, so it would seem that the Stations would probably never be voted upon in the CCMS. Therefore, our association with the Guild will be of great value, especially to those CCMS members who felt their favorite holy medals would never be offered. In view of this, the CCMS is committed for the next two years to work solely on the forthcoming Twelve Apostles Series.

The Guild is also working on a line of serial numbered silver plaques and miniature fine art statues of religious subjects. CCMS members will again be given *first opportunity* to make purchases before the national advertising campaign would commence.

Devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary will also delight in the news that the Guild has a forthcoming series commemorating the Twelve Great Appearances of Our Lady® which is now in the works.

Enclosed with this medal shipment, CCMS members will find a special order form for those who wish to take advantage of

this rare and special offer. Members should note that the offer is for a very limited time and should send in their remittance within 10 days. Note: for those CCMS members who received direct mail solicitations, this deadline will be in effect an extension.

Since there will be considerable special handling and paperwork to facilitate the setting up of the same serial numbers for both organizations, the Guild is asking an advance payment for the first three bi-monthly issues. The first medal, the Miraculous Medal, is scheduled to be shipped in May, which appropriately enough is the Month of Mary. Members who subscribe now will have a beautiful plush and compact twelve cavity presentation case supplied free of charge.

There will be two editions struck, one in sterling at \$9.50 each and one in bronze at \$3.50 each. Both in full proof and serial numbered, the series is limited to 9,750 pieces of each. At this writing, the closing date is indefinite, but after that the prices will be \$12.50 and \$4.75 each, respectively.

The Guild predicts that with blanket national advertising through the leading Catholic publications beamed out to America's fifty million Catholics, these few thousand Charter Subscriptions will go quickly. A large waiting list is also predicted. Those interested should act now — next week may be too late!



IN THE MAILBAG

MEDALLIC ROSARY

Not being a charter member, we want to thank you for the manner and courtesy in enrolling me into the Society.

The medals are lovely, and we have put them to use as a teaching aid for our eight children. During Advent, we have used the Life of Christ Series medals as a basis for discussing some aspect of Christ's life and relating it to the Christmas season. Only one medal was used in an evening and it was passed to all eight children to examine.

We may use these Life of Christ medals again during the coming Lenten season.

Donald Parks (1495)
of Maryland

AWARD NOMINATION

With regard to your suggestion in the NEWSLETTER that Prince of Peace medals of the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society be awarded to outstanding persons around the world who have worked for peace, I wish to state that I give my whole-hearted support to this fine idea.

Since there are fifty-odd members of the Society residing in

Canada, I would hope that at least one of these recipients would be a Canadian.

Therefore, I would like at this time, to place the name of Lester B. Pearson in nomination for one of these awards. Mr. Pearson was born in Canada in the year 1897. He served his country in the armed forces during World War I, doing all he could to preserve the freedom and peace that the world longed for so much. A graduate of the University of Toronto and Oxford, he began his public service as first Secretary of External Affairs in Canada in 1928. Before becoming Prime Minister, he held many important posts, such as Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain, Under-Secretary of State and Ambassador to the United States.

He was very influential in the formation of the United Nations, an organization designed to keep the peace around the world. In 1958 "Mike" Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in striving for world peace.

Bernard G. Kline (0115)
of Nova Scotia



MEDAL No. 11 THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts Christ's Crucifixion on the obverse and His Resurrection on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelist Matthew.

The Crucifixion

And they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he had tasted it, he would not drink. And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots, to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, "They divided my garments among them, and upon my vesture they cast lots."

And sitting down they kept watch over him. And they put above his head the charge against him, written, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two robbers were cruci-

fied with him, one on his right hand and one on his left. Now the passers-by were jeering at him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Thou who destroyest the temple, and in three days buildest it up again, save thyself! If thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross!" In like manner, the chief priests with the Scribes and the elders, mocking, said, "He saved others, himself he cannot save! If he is the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross; and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he

wants him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'” And the robbers also, who were crucified with him, reproached him in the same way. MATTHEW 27:34-44

The Resurrection

Now late in the night of the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and drawing near rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment like snow. And for fear of him the guards were terrified, and became like dead men. But the angel spoke and said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen even as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord was laid. And go quickly, tell his disciples that he has risen; and behold, he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him. Behold, I have foretold it to you.” And they departed quickly from the tomb in fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Hail!” And they came up and embraced his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do

not be afraid; go, take word to my brethren that they are to set out for Galilee; there they shall see me.”

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and had consulted together, they gave much money to the soldiers, telling them, “Say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while we were sleeping.’ And if the procurator hears of this, we will persuade him and keep you out of trouble.” And they took the money, and did as they were instructed; and this story has been spread abroad among the Jews even to the present day.

But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them to go. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus drew near and spoke to them saying, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.” MATTHEW 28:1-20



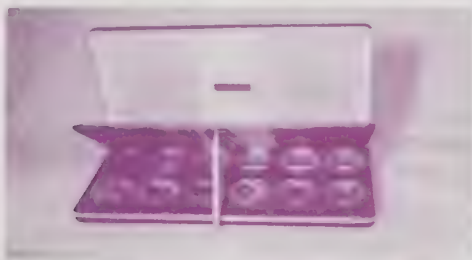
NEWSLETTER

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ALL NEW PRESENTATION CASES NOW AVAILABLE TO HOLD TWELVE MEDALS



INTERIOR COMPARTMENT LID PARTIALLY OPENED TO SHOW PLACES TO HOLD TWO VOLUMES (TWO YEARS) OF NEWSLETTERS

The CCMS Board of Directors is proud to announce that orders are now being taken on the all new twelve cavity presentation cases. Area CCMS members who attended the recent Youngstown Coin Show were treated with a sneak preview of the all new cases which were part of our Society's annual local exhibition. The new cases which were designed by our Secretary-Treasurer, Theodore A. Parent, were enthusiastically received especially for their richness and compact design. In fact, the cases are so compact that they can be stacked three high in a medium sized safety deposit box. The style of construction and material is

exactly like the Prince of Peace presentation case.

The beauty part of the new cases will be the opportunity to view all twelve medals of the forthcoming Twelve Apostle Series in one display case and at one time. For those members who never ordered any of the old six cavity collector's chests, it is recommended that they now order one of the new twelve cavity cases to house the entire Life of Christ Series. Seeing all twelve medals together of Christ

in one beautiful surrounding is a delightful sight to behold.

Welcome news is that the price of the new twelve cavity presentation case is the same price as the old bulky six cavity collector's chest. This is a savings of 50% in storage and display costs. Sent with this NEWSLETTER, members will find an order form for placing their orders. The price is only \$8.50 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. Ohio residents add 34 cents sales tax. Delivery is tentatively scheduled for the end of June. Orders can be guaranteed only if received by May 31, 1970.

CCMS members will now order only one new case every two years. About a third of our members have neglected to order any cases since joining the Society. Half of any collecting hobby is the pure enjoyment of showing and sharing it with friends and family. We know of no better way of doing this than to utilize an attractive display case. We believe beauty enhances beauty. One cannot justify a beautiful painting unless adorned by an equally beautiful picture frame.

So, to those who have not ordered any cases, you are only denying yourself the most important accessory that your CCMS collection deserves.

One of the best reasons for a case is so an accurate account can be kept of each and every medal received, a place for every nameplate, and now a place to

store each and every NEWSLETTER. But there are some who still toss their medals in old cigar boxes and in this drawer and that never knowing just where everything is.

The Society has had members, due to their forgetfulness, return no less than a dozen replacement medals because it was believed that their original medal was lost in the mails only to turn up in some drawer or tea pot. All the red tape of filing a Post Office tracer, signing an affidavit, and our securing a replacement medal from The Franklin Mint could have been avoided if only the collector had the proper case to store or "file" them in!

ALBUMS DELAYED

The album that was recently submitted by our manufacturer to our CCMS Board of Directors for approval, was found to be wholly inadequate and too expensive. Therefore, a new design has been ordered and work is proceeding to alleviate those problems. We ask those interested to be patient, as designs from drawing board to production of the first sample can be anywhere from six to twelve months and therefore we must follow this route once more.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

The CCMS has had its normal schedule of shipments upset by rather uncommon circumstances. In moving to their new ten million dollar building, The Franklin

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IN THE MAILBAG

NON MEMBERS COMMENT ON PEACE MEDALS

My Prince of Peace Medal is beyond description, beautiful and so much more.

I do hope you will have the gold pendants in the near future and I will be fortunate to obtain one uncalled for by one of your members.

Mrs. Alyce White
of Maryland

I think the Prince of Peace Medal is the most unique, most beautiful medal I have ever seen.

Jim Pace
of Florida

The Prince of Peace Medal is a unique and strikingly beautiful medal. I have just finished a head of Christ in ivory and have become interested in the various physical representations of our Lord and Savior.

Thomas Peterson, M.D.
of Alabama

The Prince of Peace is of truly rare beauty and a milestone in the medalist's art.

Stewart Waltzer
of New York

I think this must be one of the most beautiful medals ever issued.

Dr. George Bruner
of Alabama

I am the Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and was very much impressed by the medal of the Prince of Peace.

Joseph Murrell
of California

The Prince of Peace Medal is a most beautiful and sensitive picture of Jesus Christ.

John Lussier
of Rhode Island

The Prince of Peace Medal is just what I am looking for as a gift for a long-time employee of mine who is about to retire.

John Yatis
of Colorado

The Prince of Peace Medal is just beautiful. I am very interested in being a part of The Catholic Commemorative Medal Society as I am a very serious collector of medals.

Since I am a Catholic, I find that being able to belong, these medals in time will offer my children a history of the Christian religion.

R. W. Geraci
of Arkansas

Thank you for the beautiful Prince of Peace Medal for our *Coin World* collection. It is lovely and glows with a special spiritual depth.

Margo Russell, Editor
of *Coin World* Newspaper

You recently sent me a Prince of Peace Medal I ordered and I now write to express my appreciation for your courtesy and prompt consideration of my request for this Medal. Your package arrived in perfect order.

This Commemorative ranks among my most treasured coins and medals. Its beauty and workmanship alone, quite apart from its intrinsic value, makes it one of the most unique in the world.

Mr. G. E. English
of Washington, D.C.

Majestically illustrated and superb detail in Christ's facial features make for a magnificent religious medal.

Johnny Salazar
of California

The bust of Christ is well sculptured and a true memento to own.

Franklin Richards
of Washington, D.C.

NEW STYLE FOR SPECIAL MEDALS?

Would it be possible to offer the special medals in a completely different style?

I do believe the "Special Issues" should be just that—special in approach as well as subject. The French have been noted for the art medal type. Having a degree in Fine Arts, I would like to see something more creative and original than the "coin-medal type" for the Special Issue.

Rev. Harold E. Schneider
of Ohio

• *The CCMS Board of Directors would like to hear from other CCMS members sharing similar views.*

SCHEDULE UPDATE

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Mint was understandably running slightly behind schedule. Then to add to this, we had a die break, and a late delivery of the sculptor's model to the mint. Now the sculptor, for the first medal in the Twelve Apostle Series, has met with an accident whereby this regular April medal will now be at least a month late. Providing we have no more setbacks, the June medal should be on time.



MEDAL No. 12

THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts the Ascension on the obverse and the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelist Luke in the Prelude to the Acts of the Apostles.

The Ascension

In the former book, O Theophilus, I spoke of all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day on which he was taken up, after he had given commandments through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, during forty days appearing to them and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while eating with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "of which you have heard," said he, "by my mouth; for John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence."

They therefore who had come together began to ask him, saying, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

But he said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or dates which the Father has fixed by his own authority; but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses for me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the very ends of the earth."

And when he had said this, he was lifted up before their eyes, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing up to heaven as he went, behold two men stood by them in white garments, and said to them, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up to heaven? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, shall come in the same way as you have seen him going up to heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,

a Sabbath day's journey. And when they had entered the city, they mounted to the upper room where were staying Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Jude the brother of James. All these with one mind continued steadfastly in prayer with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-14
Descent of the Holy Spirit

And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. And when this sound was heard, the multitude gathered and were bewildered in mind, because each heard them speaking in his own language. But they were all amazed and marveled, saying, "Behold, are not all these that are speaking Galileans? And how have we heard each his own language in which he was born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and

Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we have heard them speaking in our own languages of the wonderful works of God."

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others said in mockery, "They are full of new wine."

But Peter, standing up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them: "Men of Judea and all you who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. These men are not drunk as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says the Lord, that I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And moreover upon my servants and upon my handmaids in those days will I pour forth of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-21.

